

JP 04/138241 lacks this feature.

Instead, JP 04/138241 teaches a method wherein:

- 1) in a blow mold, expand (blow mold) a preform to form a container;
- 2) transfer the container from the blow mold to an injection mold;
- 3) in the injection mold, injection mold a handle onto the container (while the container is disposed in a holding cavity of the injection mold).

Thus, JP 04/138241 injection molds a handle onto an already formed container in an injection mold.

In contrast, Applicant claims a method of blow molding a portion of a container about a handle.

Thus, JP 04/138241 fails to anticipate the recited claim language. The cited reference describes a different process of injection molding a handle onto an already formed container in an injection mold.

Applicant respectfully asserts that all of claims 7, 14-16, 20 and 25 are allowable over the prior art of record. Reconsideration and allowance of all of pending claims 1-7 and 14-28 is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's review of the four IDS statements (Form PTO-1449) filed by Applicant. The Examiner has, by her handwritten notations, reviewed all of these references. However, the Examiner drew a line through the entries on the May 4, 2004 and May 19, 2004 forms with a note that these four Japanese references were already cited on the other IDS statements. However, Applicant points out that the IDS statements of May 4 and May 19 further include (as indicated) the filing of an English translation of each of these Japanese references.

Applicant assumes the Examiner has reviewed these English translations as one of the four references was cited by the Examiner in the recent office action. However, Applicant would appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement that the English translations of these four references were in fact received, reviewed and made of record.


Applicant also submits a fifth IDS statement with a reference that was cited within the last three months in the corresponding New Zealand application. Review and consideration of this reference is respectfully requested.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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